

MINUTES OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

21st November 2022, 7.30pm
The Guildhall

Present:

Cllr T Martin
Cllr Hook

Cllr Saunders
Cllr Henderson

Cllr Barker

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

Mr Burrows

Public Questions:

None.

415. Apologies for Absence

Received from Cllrs Rowlands

416. Declarations of Interest

None.

417. Minutes of Previous Minutes and Matter Arising

It was confirmed under Minute Item 404 that Cllr Saunders declared a DNPI as a Volunteer for Faversham Radio.

The Minutes were proposed by Cllr Barker, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee Meeting dated 17th October 2022.**

418. Financial Reports

The Financial Reports were noted.

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Barker and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Financial Reports.**

419. 2023/2024 Budget

The Town Clerk reported a Budget Workshop was set for Sunday 27th November 2022 at 1pm. Continuing, the Town Clerk reported she had been in contact with SBC regarding the Council Tax base rate for the year and had been given a projection of a 1.5% increase. A draft budget had been tabled on the basis of a 0% increase on band D properties.

Cllr Saunders commented it would be useful to have drafts for different scenarios for the Budget Workshop and the level of earmarked and general reserves.

The Town Clerk advised it would be important to set out the priorities for the Committees for the year.

420. Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in Faversham (2019-22) Report

Cllr Hook reported on the presentation delivered by Dr Barry Blackburn at the Town Council meeting on 14th November 2022. There had been discussions on making proposals ready for the next Town Council meeting on 12th December. Cllr Hook advised he would co-ordinate proposals by e-mail.

Cllr Saunders felt that many of the recommendations fitted well into the Committees, with the bike security issue being suitable for consideration by the Active Travel Committee and other issues suiting the Community and Environment Committees. This would need to be considered within the Budget Workshop discussions.

Cllr T Martin commented on proposal 1 regarding greater visibility for victim support services and reported on discussions at the KALC AGM meeting on the previous Saturday, the Police and Crime Commissioner is providing a new Victim Support Package and felt it would be useful to contact KALC for the presentation. In his view, this would satisfy the requirement for proposal 1.

It was agreed proposals would be circulated by e-mail and specific items could be dealt with under the relevant Committee.

Mr Burrows gave an overview on county lines operations and wider criminal activity. He felt it would be useful to consult with the younger population when developing a strategy. Cllr Barker thanked Mr Burrows for his valuable input. Cllr Saunders also felt up to date intelligence was needed from Kent Police.

Cllr Barker wished to report his thanks to Cllr Hook for initiating the commissioning of the Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in Faversham (2019-22) Report and felt it was a very worthwhile project.

421. Items for Report

None.

